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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Dickory RUDDUCK et al.

Serial No. 10/727,987

Group Art Unit: 3637

Filed: December 5, 2003

Examiner:

For: ADJUSTMENT DEVICE AND BUILDING ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR § 1.121) issued on June 25, 2004 in the above-referenced application. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.